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PARTICLES AND CELL LINES FOR HUMAN
GENE THERAPY
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2000, and in accordance
with 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment in
the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22-35, 39 and 40.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for preparing a stable, retroviral packaging cell line
for generation of human serum-resistant retroviral vector particles (RVP)
which comprises